

EDITORIAL OPINION

Maria Rovito Remembered in a Highacres Memorial Fund

On Thursday evening, September 22, 1977, Maria J. Rovito, a former Highacres student, was fatally injured in an automobile accident on Route 924. The accident also claimed the life of Maria's mother, Mrs. Agnes M. Rovito. Maria attended the campus from 1972-1974, and was well known and is perhaps best remembered for her pursuits in the fields of literature and journalism.

To write anything about the life and genius of Maria Rovito should be likened to painting a tribute to Pablo Picasso or composing a salute to the career of Beethoven. Maria, unfortunately, was not allowed the time to fully achieve her potential, but her outstanding literary talents and work in her field created a set of standards that leave the unskilled writer with a sense of inadequacy for the task of verbally recreating the image and spirit of a unique being.

Above all else, Maria Rovito was a very special person. She was full of life and freely gave of this life to all whom she touched. And she reached out to touch those who were beyond her arms. At Highacres Maria was a resident assistant, the associate editor of the Collegian, a member of the literary magazine editorial board, a member of the Belles Lettres and of Parnassus. She was a counselor, a poet, a free spirit who danced all alone in the dark, and a friend.

At University Park Maria participated on the news and fine arts staff of student radio station WDFM, was a publicity chairman for Thespians, sat on the Student Hearing Board, and was a freshman advisor. She was an editor and co-founder of

"Changes" magazine, a member of the Colloquy Staff, and a Phi Beta Kappa who graduated with high distinction. She continued her "love affair" with Highacres through her younger sister Lisa, whom she personally escorted to the campus in 1975.

Maria served an internship with the Centre Daily Times in State College and had been individually recommended by Fairchild Publications for a publishing course annually sponsored by Radcliffe College and taught by the top professionals in the field. She had just completed this course and was preparing to begin a promising career in New York City when the accident claimed her life.

If there is but one message to be found in this cold listing of Maria's fine accomplishments let it be that Maria Rovito lived. She used her life to its fullest. To quote Loretta O'Neill, one of her fellow staff members from Highacres, "Maria was one of a rare breed of people who truly lived every moment she was alive."

So, yes mourn the waste of this life; the loss of a tremendously talented person. Remember, yes, the joy, the life, the exuberance that was gladly shared and the quiet touching moments of which some will be lucky to have memories. But do not dwell on this death, for it is through life and living that one makes a contribution—be it to all the world or to a single friend. This living was Maria's most important contribution to all she knew and touched, and only by following her example we can really pay tribute to this most unique, loving, and talented person. Maria would want it this way.

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the Department of Safety Police Services members for just doing their job. Yet few students know the quality of patrolmen serving them.

The article mentioned that Mr. Stefanowicz attended the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Academy at Chambersburg but failed to mention that he graduated as one of the top students of his class; something not only he can be proud of but something the Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students can point to with pride and admiration.

With Patrolmen such as Officer Stefanowicz on duty at the Hazleton Campus, everyone can be assured that their personal safety and the safety of their property is in good hands.

Thank you Highacres Collegian for a truly overdue article on the competent personnel serving the students through the Department of Safety, Police Services.

Ronald C. Drum
7th term
Community Development



Student Union Board Plans Concert

By Diane Faux
S.U.B. Secretary

Since the beginning of October, the Student Union Board has acquired a new vice-president and committee chairpersons have been established. Tara Konschnik was recently elected vice-president upon the resignation of Roxanne Hawk from that position. The chairpersons and their respective committees are as follows: Kathy Dobash, Arts and Cultures; Mark Dworsky, Audio-Visual; Carmella Green, Hospitality; and Dave Kohuth, Publicity. The Social committee is temporarily unchaired.

Members of the Union Board have been keeping busy; the latest result of their cooperative efforts being a Coffeehouse held on October 19. The performer was Jamaican folk singer Stan Shepard. Coffee and doughnuts were served at the event by the Hospitality Committee. All in all, the evening was a success, as reflected in the relaxed mood of the audience who sat back and enjoyed the entertainment.

Another S.U.B. sponsored activity was a pinball tournament that took place October 25 and 27. The schedule for November includes the annual Las Vegas Night (November 4) and a dance on November 9 featuring "Peach". Also, the Union Board will be sending two delegates (President and Vice-President) to an A.C.U.I. conference in Washington, D.C. The delegates will exchange ideas with representatives from Union Boards across the country.

Plans to kick-off next term with a Winter Weekend are in the making. December 9 and 11 will bring such events as a Bluegrass concert, sponsored by Student Affairs Cultural Series, and, tentatively, Highacres' first concert in the new gym. Following an opening act by a Coffeehouse player will be a band similar to "Morning Song"—"Taxi" which will perform in addition to these scheduled activities. Watch for a Splash Party and a record-breaking event.

CLUB NEWS

Dancing Popular at Highacres

By Greg James
R.H.C. President

The dancing days are back once again for this year's Residence Hall students and guests. Attendance is up and so is the morale. As long as this continues, so will R.H.C. sponsored Discos. The student body this year is responding like never before with their enthusiasm for the art of dance.

The hustle, the twist, the bump, blue grass, and good old rock and roll are among the favorites.

On October 14, the dorm rocked from eight to twelve pm. On October 17, students woke up to about a foot and a half of snow and once again the R.H.C. was there. Coffee was served all afternoon in the lounge where the stereo was playing the entire day. The scene resembled a ski resort at a prime day in the middle of a "winter wonderland." The evening rolled around with another surprise disco featuring Russ Coxie and Mike Shreffler at the turntables. Approximately 150 students shuffled in a great atmosphere for almost four hours.

October 31 marked the annual R.H.C. Halloween Party and dance. The evening featured dancing, refreshments, costume judging, and a full length feature film entitled "The Mummy." This undoubtedly was another smash event.

The future plans of R.H.C. include more dances, pool tournaments, ping pong tournament, swimming parties, recreational activities, and various other campus events. The R.H.C. also featured a "Pie in the Face" booth at Las Vegas Night hosting some very popular administration and faculty.

R.H.C. meetings are held Monday evenings at 6:00 pm in the second floor girls' project room.

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